COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Wednesday, *the* $\frac{\textit{22nd March 1944}}{\textit{9th Meenam 1119}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. P. Poulose, K. R. Ramakrishnan, K. Ashtamurthi Nambudiripad, S. S. Koder, H. J. Walmesly and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

LAND-TAX—WILLINGDON ISLAND

232. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government is collecting any land-tax from the occupiers of the Willingdon Island and Northern reclamations ;

(*b*) if so, the total amount collected within the last 5 years ;

(*c*) the rate of tax collected per acre ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. The question of assessment of the lands in the Willingdon Island is still under correspondence with the Government of India. The ownership of the Northern reclamations has not been settled and the question of assessment can be taken up only after this has been done.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* With regard to the answer to the question, I would like just to explain further. Regarding the words "The ownership of the Northern reclamations has not been settled", what is meant that though there is no dispute of any territorial jurisdiction at all there is a question as to whether the cost of reclaiming the portion in Cochin backwaters has to be paid for at all.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know how long it had been in correspondence ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The correspondence is now quite for a long time.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Is it 10 years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* More than 5 years.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know what is the dispute about the cost ? Are these backwaters leased out to anybody else ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No, Sir. A portion of that Island is in British waters and the rest of the Island is in Cochin waters. About 25 acres come under Cochin waters and about 6 and odd come on the British side. It was the Harbour authorities who reclaimed the water there and made that Island. The question is whether we should pay them, the cost of reclamation or whether even without paying the cost of reclamation we can claim the island as our own, that is as our own private property. That depends upon the construction of the terms under which they were allowed to reclaim the waters there.

TRANSFER OF A PRISONER FROM THE CENTRAL JAIL TO SUB-JAIL

233. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ.—

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫവ മീനം ൨ ൫-ാംതീയ്യതി ഫ ഫ ഫവ മേടം ൫-ാംതീയ്യതി മട്ടൊ സെൻട്രൽ ജയിൽ സൂപ്രഡണ്ട് സെൻട്രൽ ജയിലിലെ ഏതെങ്കിലും തടവുകാരനെ സെൻട്രൽ ജയിലിൽനിന്നു മറ്റേതെങ്കിലും സബ്ബ് ജയിലിലേക്കു മാറ്റണമെന്നു ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജനറൽ ഓഫ് പ്രിസൺസിനോടു ഉദ്യോഗനിലയിലൊ D. O. ആയൊ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) പ്രസ്തുതപ്രാർത്ഥനയിന്മേൽ നിഷേധരൂപത്തിലല്ല മറുപടിയെങ്കിൽ ആ എഴുത്തിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് കൌൺസിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തുവെക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു മനസ്സുണ്ടാകുമോ ;

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